

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

Notice of opportunity for public comment on New Jersey's Security Best Practices for the Chemical and Petroleum Sectors.

Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on New Jersey's Security Best Practices for the Chemical and Petroleum Sectors. The Best Practices were developed in coordination with the Chemical and Petroleum Sector Infrastructure Advisory Committees at the direction of the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force (NJDSPTF) in accordance with the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Act. N.J.S.A. App. A:9-64 et seq. The Department serves as the State agency liaison to the NJDSPTF for the Chemical and Petroleum sectors.

The Department recognizes that facilities in the Chemical and Petroleum Sectors are diverse in size, complexity, and potential off site impacts to the community and therefore a blanket approach to addressing security concerns may not be practical. The Best Practices represent a risk-based approach to security consisting of a site-specific security vulnerability assessment that evaluates threats to a facility's operations, its particular vulnerabilities and likely consequences of a chemical release, and the physical and procedural security measures already in place.

The Chemical Sector and Petroleum Sector Best Practices were predominantly derived from the Security Code of the American Chemistry Council's Responsible Care program and the American Petroleum Institute's Security Guidelines, respectively.

The Security Best Practices for the Chemical and Petroleum Sectors are available for review on the Department's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/rpp> (see "What's New").

The Department is inviting comment on areas where the Best Practices can be strengthened, and particularly inquiring whether and under what circumstances Inherently Safer Technology should be required.

A public hearing on New Jersey's Security Best Practices for the Chemical Sector will be held on:

Date:	Thursday, December 1, 2005
Time:	10:00 A.M. to noon or close of comments, whichever occurs first
Location:	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 401 East State Street 1 st Floor Public Hearing Room Trenton, New Jersey

Written comments on the Security Best Practices for the Chemical Sector will be accepted through January 5, 2006. Comments may be submitted to:

Paul Baldauf, P.E., Chief
Attention: Security Best Practices for Chemical Sector comments
Bureau of Release Prevention
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 424
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0424

A public hearing on New Jersey's Security Best Practices for the Petroleum Sector will be held on:

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006
Time: 10:00 A.M. to noon or close of comments, whichever occurs first
Location: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
401 East State Street
1st Floor Public Hearing Room
Trenton, New Jersey

Written comments on the Security Best Practices for the Petroleum Sector will be accepted through February 13, 2006. Comments may be submitted to:

Paul Baldauf, P.E., Chief
Attention: Security Best Practices for Petroleum Sector comments
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The Department requests that comments be submitted on disk or CD as well as on paper. Submittal of a disk or CD is not a requirement. The Department prefers Microsoft Word 6.0 or above. Macintosh™ formats should not be used. Each comment should be identified by the document and section, with the commenter's name and affiliation following the comment.

Date

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